

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION

OF: AUER ET AL.

SERIAL NO. 10/031,166

FILED: JANUARY 17, 2002

FOR: CONTINUOUS PREPARATION OF METHYL FORMATE



Box:

AF

CONFIRMATION NO.: 4816

GROUP ART UNIT: 1621

EXAMINER:

KARL J. PUTTLITZ

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

July 7, 2004

Date of Deposit

Karen Stamper

Person Making Deposit

Signature

July 7, 2004

Date of Signature

Honorable Commissioner
for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c) AND §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of April 07, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

R E M A R K S

Claim 1 to 9 as set submitted on January 12, 2004 (date of the Certificate of Mailing), are currently pending in this case.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 to 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, contending that the reference to the first part of the remaining liquid phase as "a part TR" and the reference to the second part of the remaining liquid phase as "a part TA" renders the claimed subject matter indefinite.

IFW
AF
1621